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Dear comrades and friends,

Ringing out the significant 1957 and ringing in the new year of 1958, I, in the name of the Central Committee of the Korean Workers' Party and the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, extend warm greetings to you.

The year 1957 was a year of brilliant victory for us. Today our people are retrospecting with great joy and pride the enormous achievements and exploits they made last year.

It was one year ago that our people entered the new stage of the construction of socialist economy, after having completed the rehabilitation of the severely damaged national economy.

A great change has taken place in all fields of the life of our people in the course of implementing the Decisions of the December 1956 Plenum of the Central Committee of the Korean Workers' Party.

The entire people have been further firmly united around the Korean Workers' Party and the Government of the Republic and their political zeal has been enhanced as never before. In all domains of the national economy, the working people of our country have displayed unparalleled creativeness and labour exploits. Indeed, the struggle for increased production and economization has developed into a mass, nation-wide movement.

The brilliant victory in the elections to the Second Supreme People's Assembly attested to the popular masses' boundless love of and trust in the Party and Government and demonstrated the upsurge of their high political enthusiasm.

We have made gigantic achievements in the fulfilment of the plan for 1957, the first year of the First Five-Year Plan.

The industrial output has grown by more than 40 per cent over the previous year and 2.8 times compared with the prewar level. All the ministries and industrial branches overfulfilled their industrial production plans without exception.

The total grain harvest amounted to more than 3,200,000 tons — 400,000 tons more than the previous year. All the provinces have overfulfilled their grain production plans without exception.

The socialist economic foundation has been further consolidated in urban and rural areas. The socialist cooperativization of the rural economy is nearing victorious completion in our country.

More than 95 per cent of the entire peasant economy has been embraced in the agricultural cooperatives.

All this is a great victory won by our people last year.

Today our country is vigorously marching along the road of socialism. The life of our people in all fields has become more joyous and happy.

No difficulty, no obstacle can bar our onward march. Last year we were confronted with many difficulties in our economic construction.

More, the U.S. aggressors and Syngman Rhee traitors have further stepped up their calumny, slander and all kinds of subversive and wrecking activities in an attempt to hinder the socialist construction in the northern part of the Republic.

However, our people have thoroughly frustrated the desperate "offensive" of the enemy and heroically overcome all difficulties in their economic construction.

Our great achievements and victories in 1957 demonstrate the vitality of the policy of the Korean Workers' Party and the Government of the Republic and the inexhaustible creative energy of our people.

This further confirms the confidence of our people in the bright future and further heightens their national pride.

Today we are provided with new possibilities for rapid development of the national economy and the further improvement in the people's living.

On this basis, the Cabinet of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea decided to raise by an average of 10 per cent the basic wages of the entire workers and office employees from January, 1958. This also testifies to the steady improvement in the livelihood of our working people.

I express warm greetings and profound thanks to our workers, peasants and the entire people who attained signal results in their struggle for socialist construction.

Internationally, too, the 1957 was a year filled with great victories of the forces of peace and socialism.

All the international events of 1957 have shown that today socialism is decisively triumphing in the international arena.

The great Soviet people have attained new, epochal successes in communist construction and the might of the Soviet Union has registered further growth. The Soviet Union has perfected the intercontinental ballistic rocket and launched two artificial earth satellites for the first time in the world. Today the stars of peace launched by the Soviet Union are demonstrating the invincible power of socialism to the people of the world, revolving around our planet.

In all the people's democratic countries the national economy has made rapid development and the people's living has been further improved.

The socialist camp headed by the Soviet Union, as well as the world communist movement has achieved greater unity under the banner of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism, repulsing the "offensive" of international reaction.

In 1957 progressive mankind of the world celebrated with grandeur the 40th anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution. The celebrations of the 40th anniversary of the October Revolution and the conferences of representatives of Communist and Workers' Parties of various countries held in Moscow demonstrated the inviolable unity of the socialist camp headed by the Soviet Union and the internationalist solidarity of the world communist movement.

All this has been very encouraging to us.

I extend, in the name of the entire Korean people, warm greetings to the friends of the Soviet Union and of all other brother countries who have won great victories. We wish them new, greater successes in the new year. The Korean people will continuously strive for further strengthening friendship and solidarity with them.

Comrades,

The year 1958 will be a year of greater victory for us. No Korean has any doubt of this. We all greet the new year with a clearly defined prospect of our future and confidence in victory.

The national economy of our country will develop onto a higher level and the people's living will be further improved and bettered.

The 1958 National Economic Plan envisages that the gross industrial output will increase to more than 122 per cent and the total grain output to about 102 per cent as compared with the estimated results of 1957.

In the new year, we must build new dwelling houses with a total floor space of over 4,000,000 square metres and many educational and cultural establishments in cities and rural villages.

When we have fulfilled the 1958 plan, we will have passed the steep ridge in the course of the fulfilment of the Five-Year Plan. In the new year, we must conquer this ridge.

Of course, this is not so easy. However, the Korean people will overfulfil this year's plan as they did last year's.

The policy of our Party and Government is correct and enjoys the unanimous support of the entire people.

Invincible is the unity of the Party, Government and the people, and this unity will be further strengthened in the future. The patriotic enthusiasm of the popular masses is in an upsurge and their creative initiative is further developing. We have the valuable experiences of having rehabilitated the heavily

damaged economy and developed it last year to a higher level. We have our own foundation of socialist industry and the cooperativized socialist rural economy.

The peoples of the Soviet Union and other brother countries are supporting and encouraging us. We can declare with confidence that in 1958 new great progress will be made in the socialist construction of the Korean people.

Today the colonial plundering policy of the U.S. imperialists and the reactionary rule of the traitorous Syngman Rheeites are going bankrupt in South Korea. Their position will further deteriorate in the future.

The South Korean people are meeting the new year amidst immeasurable sufferings. Every passing year brings them greater misfortunes. The broad masses of people are keenly alive to the fact that they cannot go on living any longer under the rule of the U.S. imperialists and Syngman Rhee traitors. The patriotic forces seeking the peaceful unification of the country are growing in South Korea.

We are firmly convinced that the workers, peasants and all the patriotic forces of South Korea, encouraged by the socialist construction in the northern part of the Republic, will come out ever more determinedly in the struggle for peace and the peaceful unification of the country. We must unite all forces and mobilize them in the struggle for the peaceful unification of the country and for socialist construction.

We must make the year 1958 a year of further prosperity of our country and a year of new, great victory of our people.

Ringing in the new year, I propose to drink toasts to the health and greater success in the work of you comrades and friends, to the pleasant, happy life of the workers, peasants, intellectuals and the entire people of our country, to fresh successes and victories in the struggle of the Korean people for the peaceful unification of the country and for socialist construction, and to the further strengthening of the unity of the socialist camp headed by the Soviet Union and the victory of peace and socialism.

Resolution of the Second Congress of the United Democratic Fatherland Front

December 19, 1957

Approving the report made by Comrade Kim Chang Man on the work of the Korean Workers' Party and D.P.R.K. Government Delegation which attended the celebrations of the 40th anniversary of the October Revolution and the meetings of representatives of Communist and Workers' Parties of various countries, the Congress decides as follows:

1. The Congress fully approves and supports the Appeal of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R. to all the working people, political and public figures, representatives of men of science and culture, parliaments and governments of all countries and the Peace Manifesto adopted at the meeting of representatives of Communist and Workers' Parties of various countries.

2. The present international situation is in a great historic turning-point, where the forces of the peoples for peace and the progress of mankind are winning a decisive victory on the international arena. This provides all the more favourable conditions for the struggle of the Korean people for the peaceful unification of the country.

All the political parties and social organizations under the United Democratic Fatherland Front should wage a more vigorous struggle for the peaceful unification of the fatherland by further strengthening solidarity with the patriotic people of all strata of the whole of Korea.

3. The Congress resolves to launch a nation-wide signature campaign in demand of the immediate cessation of the tests of atomic and hydrogen weapons and the unconditional prohibition of the manufacture and use of these weapons, in opposition to the plots of the U.S. imperialists to convert South Korea into an atomic base and in demand of the withdrawal of the U.S. aggressive army from Korea.

Appeal of the Second Congress of the United Democratic Fatherland Front to Compatriots Throughout the Country

December 19, 1957

The Second Congress of the United Democratic Fatherland Front discussed the Appeal of the U.S.S.R. Supreme Soviet addressed to all working people, political and public figures, representatives of science and culture, parliaments and governments of all countries and the Peace Manifesto adopted at the Conference of Representatives of Communist and Workers' Parties.

This Congress fully supports the Appeal and Peace Manifesto.

These documents are permeated with ardent aspiration for the freedom and happiness of the people and filled with confidence in the brighter future of the people.

The sacred voice of human reason and conscience is going deep into the hearts of progressive mankind, breaking through boundaries, regardless of the difference of nationality, political view, religious belief and colour.

This is because nothing is dearer to the people than peace and because the destiny of mankind depends upon the safeguarding of peace. Peace alone ensures a free life of the people and guarantees happiness for the coming generations. Peace alone saves civilization from destruction and obscuration and ensures a bright future against darkness and retrogression.

What terrible suffering mankind has undergone due to war in the recent half a century alone! The three-year war imposed upon the Korean people by the U.S. imperialists and Syngman Rheeites dyed our land with blood of our compatriots and reduced to ashes the material wealth and cultural heritages created by the talent, wisdom and efforts of the Korean people.

The shadow of war is again hovering over the peaceful cities and villages when the gun smoke of the past world war has not yet disappeared and the sorrows brought by the war have not yet died away in the hearts of millions.

The imperialist aggressive circles headed by the U.S. imperialist aggressors, the ringleader of world reaction and sworn enemy of the people, are engaged in a frantic manoeuvre to provoke a new war. They are not only opposing the prohibition of atomic and hydrogen weapons and the reduction of armaments but making unscrupulous attempts recently through the NATO Council meeting to step up preparations for atomic war in Europe and, in particular, to set up new bases of the United States for nuclear and rocket weapons on the territories of other member countries of NATO.

Though cities and villages of South Korea still remain in ruins, and orphans and homeless persons deprived of means of living by the war are roaming about the streets, presenting a pitiful sight, the U.S. imperialist aggressors and Syngman Rheeites are expanding armaments in South Korea and are carrying out provocative machinations, violating the Armistice Agreement and making haste to introduce new types of weapons.

Workers, peasants and men of science and culture of North and South Korea!

Handicraftsmen, middle and small enterprisers, merchants and religionists!

All personages with national conscience!

The Second Congress of the United Democratic Fatherland Front appeals to your sense of responsibility for the destiny of mankind and the nation. It appeals to your sense of duty for human lives and the future of the nation. Intensify the struggle for the defence of peace in order to save mankind and the compatriots from the horrors of war!

Wage a nation-wide struggle in demand of the suspension of the tests of atomic and hydrogen weapons and the total prohibition of the production and use of these weapons! Curb the atomaniacs!

Further strengthen solidarity with the world peace-loving peoples and fight for a lasting peace of the world and for peace and collective security in Asia!

Strengthen struggles jointly with the peoples of all countries against the stationing of foreign imperialist aggressive forces in any country of Asia and against the conversion of any country or any area of Asia into an atomic base of the U.S. army!

We cannot tolerate our cities and villages again being turned into the arena of a fratricidal tragedy. Peace is required in Korea for our nation to live harmoniously.

Wage a staunch struggle for checking the manoeuvre of the U.S. imperialists and Syngman Rheeites to wreck the Armistice Agreement! Frustrate the evil design of the U.S. imperialist aggressors to convert South Korea into an atomic base!

Come out resolutely in demand of the reduction in the armed forces of the North and South.

Peace is necessary for the peaceful unification of the country, the urgent desire of our nation.

We should unify our country in peace and bring our picturesque land to blossom with peaceful labour! We should make our country prosper in peace and demonstrate our culture to the world!

It is the U.S. imperialist aggressors that menace peace in Korea and hinder the peaceful unification of the country. The U.S. imperialist aggressors' occupation of South Korea is bringing unheard of sufferings to the Korean people.

Owing to the plunder and war policy of the U.S. imperialist aggressors, South Korea's industry is going bankrupt and millions of unemployed are on the verge of starvation. In South Korea, the rice bowl of our country, millions of foodless peasants are languishing under hunger.

Numerous flood sufferers are shivering in tents in the cold of winter. An ever increasing number of peasants are leaving their native places unable to find a way to make a living and are roaming aimlessly about the road.

The difficult living conditions of the people has reached the extreme, but what is befalling them is only oppression and plunder.

The youth are being dragged away as cannon fodder, all their ideals and hope trampled upon.

The U.S. imperialist aggressors are obliterating all that does credit to our nation and resorting to intolerable national humiliation and insult. To crown all, U.S. soldiers are raiding private houses in flocks and massacring Korean people at random, even women and children.

The atrocities of the ogres slaughtering our parents and brothers are turning South Korea into a shambles and living hell.

Only after the U.S. imperialist aggressors are driven out can the source of the national misfortunes be eliminated and the peaceful unification, which is impatiently longed for, be achieved.

Entire people of North and South Korea!

Let us compel the U.S. imperialist aggressive army to withdraw from our territory at the earliest date!

How can we tolerate the aggressors trampling our land — our country — under their dirty boots and oppressing and slaughtering our compatriots? How can we look on with folded arms at the evil attempts of the enemy to perpetuate the split of the nation and to scorch our country?

The Korean people have a brilliant patriotic tradition in their struggle against foreign aggressors. Let us demonstrate our valiant national spirit in the struggle for the withdrawal of the U.S. aggressive army!

Let the Korean people realize unification by themselves by peaceful means under the condition of the withdrawal of all foreign troops!

The general trend is taking a turn in our favour.

Today's international situation is in an historical transition period of the decisive victory of socialism on the international arena and the total disintegration of capitalism.

More than 950 million out of the world population have already taken the road of socialism. The great development of the Soviet economy, science and technique and the achievements attained in the socialist construction by the people's democratic countries demonstrate the invincible might of the socialist camp, the bastion of peace.

The imperialist colonial system is disintegrating once and for all.

In the recent period, more than 700 million people have newly built up their independent states, casting aside the colonial yoke, and are struggling in defence of peace.

In Asia which has been under age-old oppression, there is scarely to be found any colony at present. The people are firmly holding their destiny in their own hands. The class contradictions in the imperialist countries and the contradictions among them have become ever more acute. The imperialist aggressors are meeting rebuffs all over the globe, and their aggressive policy is going bankrupt.

Recent international events show that the imperialists cannot dare to invade any one of the socialist countries in face of the forces of socialism and peace, nor can they ignite a war at will in any part of the world.

The situation of our country is also going through a great change.

The socialist forces in the northern part of the Republic are rapidly growing and gaining in strength, while the colonial rule of the U.S. imperialists and the Syngman Rhee clique in South Korea is going bankrupt.

The democratic base in the northern part is constantly being reinforced politically and economically with each passing day, while South Korea is rushing headlong toward an irretrievable crisis in all fields.

However, as long as imperialism exists, there still remains the danger of war. Especially, the Korean people are standing face to face with the U.S. imperialists, the ringleader of the imperialist aggressors.

Peace must be won and the peaceful unification of the fatherland can be accomplished only through an arduous struggle.

Workers and the people of the northern part of the Republic!

The democratic base is the basic factor for the accomplishment of the peaceful unification of the fatherland, the fortress for frustrating the provocative machinations of the U.S. imperialists and the Syngman Rheeites and a motive power inspiring the South Korean people in their struggle.

You have displayed dauntless heroism and patriotic devotion in the socialist construction in the northern part of the Republic. Energetically struggle for the victory of the First Five-Year Plan and for the successful fulfilment of the 1958 National Economic Plan!

Each result attained by you in increasing production consolidates the bastion of peace as firm as rock. This boundlessly inspires the confidence of the South Korean brothers. As more and more achievements are made, it will grow into a formidable force which moves even mountains and open the highroad toward the peaceful unification of the fatherland. Display burning patriotic enthusiasm in socialist construction!

South Korean workers and people!

The only way by which you can free yourselves from the living hell is the peaceful unification of the fatherland.

Launch a more determined struggle against the colonial terrorist rule of the U.S. imperialists and the Syngman Rhee clique! Come out in demand of democratic rights and the security of life!

You are not alone. You are with the revolutionary forces in the northern part of the country and with the powerful forces of socialism and peace in the world.

Fight with an indomitable spirit, never yielding to difficulties!

A nation-wide unity is the guarantee for victory in the struggle against the U.S. imperialist aggressors and the Syngman Rhee clique and for the achievement of peaceful unification.

Unity alone provides strength for overcoming all obstacles, and unity alone promises victory.

Workers, peasants and men of science and culture of North and South Korea!

Handicraftsmen, middle and small enterprisers, merchants and religionists!

All personages with national conscience! Let us firmly unite! Let us answer the splitting machinations of the U.S. imperialist aggressors and the Syngman Rhee clique with the unity and solidarity of the patriotic forces!

What is most precious is the destiny of the nation and the happiness of the future generations. Is the peaceful unification of the country not a common and urgent task for all the Korean people? Let us unite into one, irrespective of the difference of political views and religious belief and in disregard of property!

We advocate a coalition with all political parties, organizations and personages desirous of peaceful unification. We will join hands with anyone who desires the peaceful unification of the country, not asking what he did in the past and what he is doing at present.

If one has national conscience, he cannot stand undetermined in face of the grave, supreme national task. We must march along the road dictated by national conscience, a road to peaceful unification. All join the ranks of the nation-wide common struggle! Let us tear down the cursed barrier, by pooling our strength! It has been more than ten years since the division of the territory.

Does it stand to reason that a single nation of a single country is split into two and that parents, brothers and sisters cannot communicate with each other living near as they are?

Let us meet with each other! Let us meet and talk together open-heartedly, regardless of whether it is between North and South Korean political parties and social organizations or between individual personages. There is no reason why the Korean people of the same blood and with the same culture and custom cannot meet each other.

It is all the more so, when the meeting is for the accomplishment of the national cause.

The Paikdoo Range joins the Taibaik Mountains and the Han River flows through the territory of both North and South Korea. But only the people of this land are entertaining an earnest hope for unification, blocked by the artificial barrier. Our nation, a single body of compatriots who had lived in one territory, cannot live separated from each other like aliens.

Let us realize mutual visits and intercourse between the North and South and, further, accomplish the great cause of peaceful unification through contacts and negotiations!

The master of Korea is the Koreans. There is no force on earth to hamper the realization of travel and intercourse between the North and South, if we as one take positive action.

The way to realization of the peaceful unification of the country will be paved, provided we are united in the struggle.

Korea will be one whole forever and the Korean nation, too, will be one forever. The Korean people must live in peace and harmony.

Resolution of the Second Congress of the U. D. F. F.

CONCERNING THE LETTERS OF N.A. BULGANIN, CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S.S.R. COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, TO U.S. PRESIDENT EISENHOWER AND OTHER GOVERNMENT HEADS OF THE NATO MEMBER STATES AND THE NOTES OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE U.N. MEMBER NATIONS

December 19, 1957

Today the ruling circles of the United States and other western powers are creating a great menace to the peace and security of mankind by intensifying new war preparation contrary to the unanimous will of humanity.

At the NATO Council meeting which opened in Paris on December 16, the U.S. imperialists are scheming to seize in their hands all the manpower and material resources of the NATO member nations and to convert the territories of the countries as a whole into the atomic and rocket bases of the United States for their atomic war preparation. More, the U.S. and British imperialist aggressors are trying hard to further aggravate cold war and intensify war preparation on a world-wide scale by aligning such aggressive military blocs as the NATO, Baghdad Treaty and SEATO.

Such machinations of the ruling circles of the western powers headed by the U.S. imperialists run diametrically counter to the desire of the peoples of the whole world for preventing war and safeguarding peace and create the danger of a new war which will bring terrible consequences.

In connection with the fact that the imperialists are hastily intensifying war preparation with the NATO Council meeting as an occasion, N.A. Bulganin, Chairman of the U.S.S.R. Council of Ministers, sent letters to the U.S. President and other government heads of the NATO member nations and, at the same time, the Soviet Government sent notes on the same question to the governments of the U.N. member nations.

In these letters and notes, the Soviet Government pointed out that the line of the United States and other western powers for further intensifying the arms drive and aggravating cold war most gravely menaces the cause of universal peace, and called upon all countries to make joint efforts for the cessation of cold war and arms drive, the removal of the danger of war and for peaceful coexistence.

The Soviet Government suggested that the Soviet Union, the United States and Britain who possess nuclear weapons commit themselves not to use nuclear weapons, should announce the suspension of the tests of all types of nuclear weapons for at least two or three years beginning with January 1st, 1958, and agree upon not preparing any kind of nuclear weapons in the territories of East and West Germany. The Soviet Government also put forward the proposals for the settlement of a series of important questions as regards relaxation of the international tension and development of the relations of friendship and peaceful cooperation among nations, such as concluding one or another form of non-aggression agreement between the NATO and the Warsaw treaty member states, refraining from taking, for the normalization of the situation in the Near and Middle East, any

step for violating the independence of the countries of this area and abstaining from the use of force in settling problems related to the Near and Middle East.

All these proposals of the U.S.S.R. Government proceed from its invariable peace-loving foreign policy and are the most realistic proposals for removing the danger of war and preserving and consolidating peace at the present juncture.

The countries of the socialist camp headed by the Soviet Union are basing their foreign policy on the peaceful coexistence and consider that war is not inevitable and peace can be preserved and made secure at the present moment.

However, the imperialist ruling circles headed by the United States are frenziedly preparing a new war, still pursuing the "positions of strength" policy. The U.S. imperialist aggressors are not only creating the danger of war in Europe and in the Near and Middle East area, but are menacing peace in Asia and encroaching upon the national independence and security of the Asian people.

The U.S. imperialists are trying to use Korea as an important spearhead for creating international strain.

They are scheming to abrogate the Korean Armistice Agreement, bring new types of weapons into South Korea and to convert South Korea into their atomic base. This is to create the danger of war in Korea.

If the United States, Britain and other NATO member nations sober-mindedly consider the situation created at present and accept the reasonable proposals of the Soviet Government, the international disputes can be solved peacefully. This will help consolidate world peace and, first of all, relieve the peoples of the imperialist countries, which are pursuing the war preparation policy, from the heavy burden caused by armaments expansion and from the catastrophe that an atomic and missile war would bring.

Convinced that the realization of the proposals of the Soviet Government will ease the general international situation and also create conditions extremely favourable for the preservation of peace in Korea and the peaceful unification of our country by opening the way for settling peacefully the pressing international questions, the Congress wholeheartedly approves and supports the proposals of the Soviet Government.

The Congress supports the statement issued on December 16, 1957, by the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in connection with the aforesaid letters of Chairman of the U.S.S.R. Council of Ministers N.A. Bulganin and notes of the Soviet Government.

The Korean people, together with the world peace-loving peoples, will continue to oppose the war provocation policy of the imperialists and resolutely struggle to uphold world peace.